

## Class Assignment Using "The Career Key"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period/Section: \_\_\_\_\_

1. As you log on to the **EducationPlanner** site, list three jobs that interest you.

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2. Read the descriptions of the six personality types on the following page. Try to predict which one will be your highest score (H) and your lowest score (L), and record that in #3 below.

3. Take the Career Key personality test, and record your scores for each type.

Realistic \_\_\_\_\_ Investigative \_\_\_\_\_ Artistic \_\_\_\_\_

Social \_\_\_\_\_ Enterprising \_\_\_\_\_ Conventional \_\_\_\_\_

Were your predictions correct? Highest: Yes No Lowest: Yes No

4. List three of the careers that you included on "My List":

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5. Pick one career from above and link to it; then answer these questions:

List the career: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Why are you interested in this career? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B. DESCRIPTION: What do these people do? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

C. EXPERIENCE: How much education will you need? \_\_\_\_\_

D. KNOWLEDGE: What school subjects will you need? \_\_\_\_\_

E. SKILLS: What are some of the skills you need to do this job? \_\_\_\_\_

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F. SALARY: What is the median (average) salary for this career? \_\_\_\_\_

G. Based on this information, has your interest in this career increased, decreased, or stayed the same? (circle one) Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. EXTRA CREDIT: Talk with your parent(s) about this activity. Jot down some comments about how your conversation went. Did you get support from your parent(s) on your choice of a career? What were some of the positive things and/or negative things your parent(s) said about this career?

## The Holland Personality Types

The Career Key personality test takes four things into account – your interests, your abilities, what kind of person you think you are, and what things are important to you. Based on your answers to these questions, you are given a score for six different personality types. The higher scores are your more dominant personality types. Several different types might apply to you, so you should learn a little bit about them all.

The six Holland Personality Types are:

**REALISTIC:** If you are Realistic, you probably enjoy working with things you can see and touch, such as animals, plants, tools, or machines. You would probably be good at careers such as fire fighter, auto mechanic, carpenter, chef, pilot, or engineer. You would probably NOT enjoy careers in fields such as teaching, nursing, or child care.

**INVESTIGATIVE:** If you are Investigative, you probably enjoy studying and solving math or science problems. You would probably be good at careers such as astronomer, chemist, doctor, computer programmer, or lab technician. You would probably NOT enjoy careers in business (such as a salesman, accountant, or real estate agent) or in law.

**ARTISTIC:** If you are Artistic, you probably enjoy creative activities such as art, drama, crafts, dance, music, or creative writing. You would probably be good at careers such as singer, actor, writer, photographer, cartoonist, or interior designer. You would probably NOT enjoy careers such as insurance agent, computer operator, or mailman.

**SOCIAL:** If you are Social, you probably enjoy doing things to help people, such as teaching, nursing, or providing information. You would probably be good at careers such as social worker, teacher, counselor, fitness trainer, physical therapist, or nurse. You would probably NOT enjoy careers such as farmer, welder, truck driver, or electrician.

**ENTERPRISING:** If you are Enterprising, you probably enjoy leading and persuading people, and selling products and ideas. You would probably be good at careers such as a salesman, school principal, hair stylist, lawyer, or news reporter. You would probably NOT enjoy careers in fields such as science, math, or medicine.

**CONVENTIONAL:** If you are conventional, you probably enjoy working with numbers, records, or maybe machines, and you like doing things in a set, orderly way. You would probably be good at careers such as secretary, travel agent, bank teller, or computer operator. You would probably NOT enjoy careers in music, art, or performing.